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## POPULISTS AT ST. LOUIS

They Meet in National Convention There.

### THE PARTY WELL REPRESENTED

There Were Over Two Thousand Delegates Present—Senator Butler of North Carolina Made Temporary Chairman Without Opposition—Governor Stone Made the Opening Address and It Was Replied to by Ignatius Donnelly—The Silver Convention.

St. Louis, July 22.—The hall in which the Populist met in national convention today was the same in which the national Republican convention was held. There were the same arrangements as to seats, but the decorations were not elaborate. Delegates began to straggle in before 10 o'clock, but spectators were slow in arriving. When the pit was half filled with delegates

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### CONVENTION HALL AT ST. LOUIS

there were not 200 people in the galleries. As the air in the hall grew oppressive the delegates did not hesitate to shed their coats. Some of them came to the hall with their coats on their arms. Others removed their coats and vests and hung them on the back of their chairs. Many wore negliges and quite a number wore neither collar nor cravat.

Several women delegates were on the floor, among them Mrs. J. O. A. Bush of Prescott, Ark., Mrs. Jennie B. Atherhold and Mrs. Hes of Colorado. Senator Allen received the first personal ovation.

The Texas delegation grew demonstrative when a woman posed with a "middle-of-the-road" streamer pinned to her gown and they cheered wildly. She waved her handkerchief frantically in response and the enthusiastic Texans crowded about her to shake her hand. She proved to be Mrs. Jones of Chicago. Then a Lone Star delegate mounted a chair and read a number of telegrams from Texas Populists admonishing



R. E. TAUBENECK.

ing them "to keep in the middle of the road" and bolt if necessary. "Stamp Ashby, one of the delegates, made a speech, and it looked as if Texas intended to hold a little convention all by herself.

When the Mississippi delegation proceeded down the aisle with banners bearing the slogan, "No Compromise," there was an answering yell of joy from the Texas delegation as they recognized their allies.

The "middle-of-the-road" leaders after a conference at the last moment decided not to make an organized fight against the selection of Senator Butler as temporary chairman, and the Bryan men hailed this as an indication that they were afraid to submit to a test of their strength.

Before the convention was called to order every seat on the floor was taken and there was much animation, but the galleries were practically empty. There were over 2000 delegates and attendants, but by liberal estimate not over 600 spectators in the galleries.

At 11:37 Chairman Taubeneck stepped to the front of the platform and called the convention to order. There was



GOVERNOR STONE.

some surprise when the chairman introduced Governor Stone of Missouri, but the announcement was made that

Governor Stone was merely expected to make a welcoming address. His welcome was most cordial and couched in choice words. He ventured upon a few general remarks upon the propriety of the freedom of the opinion of the press,



IGNATIUS DONNELLY.

of speech and of the ballot, which must be said, amid applause, be preserved at all hazards.

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SENATOR MARION BUTLER.

which this convention represented, he said, was the growth of the farm. It had been conceived in the distress that prevailed among the producers of the country. The people had felt the effects of misgovernment. If there was any movement on the face of the earth called up by the veritable hand of God it was the People's party. As he declared that the spirit of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and "August" Lincoln were floating above this convention, the delegates cheered lustily. "The party has reached down to the soul and heart of humanity. God save the people." Upon that we stand. We are devoted to their cause. Let us never forget in our work that we are a band of brothers waging war against the enemies of mankind. We must stand together whatever we do." [Here the "middle-of-the-road"ers shouted, "The People's party will not die, it needs to live. I stood at the cradle of the Greenback party, I stood at the cradle of the People's party, and God forbid that I should be here now to attend its funeral. This is the great work of the country. Let us do our duty, first determining that we will neither desert nor destroy our party." There where more "middle-of-the-road" cheers when Donnelly finished.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease of Kansas got a demonstration as she ascended the stage just before Chairman Taubeneck introduced Senator Butler as temporary chairman. Senator Butler of North Carolina was made temporary chairman without any opposition. He made a short address to the convention and was well applauded when he finished.

After the appointment of the usual committees the convention adjourned until 8 o'clock tonight.

### BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

The Situation as Well as Could Be Ascertained by Newgatherers.

St. Louis, July 22.—The Populist national convention which will be called to order today at noon by Chairman Taubeneck, is in bad shape on account of internal dissensions, and indications are that a fierce fight will be made by the different factions, which may be prolonged for four or five days, and which, from present indications will probably result in a bolt no matter which faction prevails.

The heterogeneous complexion of the convention, comprising as it does, many whose opinions on all questions seem to be diametrically opposed and who hold and advocate those opinions with a bulldog tenacity that neither argument nor evasion seems able to shake, the conflicting interests and conditions that hedge the situation about will stagger the oldest prophet were he to attempt to forecast the result with anything like detail.

The Bryan men appear to be in control and the leaders are confident that they are in the majority. Practically all the trained and experienced generals are aligned with them. They have a very thorough organization for systematic and effective work. They have been reinforced by the arrival of Gov.

Holcombe and 150 energetic Populist workers from Kansas and many from other parts of the west. They are pressing on the middle-of-the-road delegates the view that the situation presents the single issue, McKinley or Bryan; that the western Populists insist upon grasping the opportunity to vote on the silver issue where their votes will count and that failure to nominate Bryan will split the party wide open and cause dissensions that will never heal. They confront the southern delegates and scattering squads from other sections who want to keep in the middle of the road and have "no truck," as some of them express it, with either of the parties, especially the Democratic party with which they have been at war. While strong of conviction and vociferous in their determination that they will never surrender, the middle-of-the-road delegates are practically a disorganized crowd. They keep up a great deal of enthusiasm at their meetings and loudly claim as high as 600 majority in the convention. The hotel corridors ring with their oratory and applause, but their claims of victory cannot be argued out on paper unless in the final contest those who insist upon a compromise should side with them.

In certain quarters, however, the "middle-of-the-road" delegates appear to have unquestionably gained strength. In Washington state for instance, out of 17 Bryan men who came in the delegation they claim to have captured all but two. They argue that they have disrupted both old political parties and with four more years of old party rule they will be able to sweep the country. Their meetings are the feature of the convention thus far.

Although the "middle-of-the-road" men are making a loud noise, which creates an impression of numbers and strength, despite the wild claims of the shouters it was apparent yesterday that some of their leaders were weakening. They were talking in a more temperate strain and were suggesting compromises as the best way out of the tangle.

"Cyclone" Davis for instance, prepared a resolution which he said would offer, declaring that in order to defeat McKinley and the gold standard the Populists should agree upon common electors. Rifts in the lines of several of the southern "middle-of-the-road" delegations were also discovered, notably in Texas.

Although the Bryan managers seem confident of success they are by no means out of the woods.

The proposition of inducing Bryan and allowing the Populists to name the vice president met with a flat refusal from the Democrats and upon this scheme is causing most of the trouble.

Altogether, since the situation up, it seems reasonably certain that Bryan will be endorsed. Beyond that nothing can be safely predicted.

### JONES FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Anti-Bryan Leaders Decide to Put Him Against Butler.

St. Louis, July 22.—The "middle-of-the-road" men early today decided to place O. D. Jones of Missouri in nomination for temporary chairman against Senator Marion Butler, who had been selected by the national committee. The "middle-of-the-road" men did not hold any formal meeting, but an agreement was reached among a few leaders who gathered. The "middle-of-the-road" men were not to be frightened by the threat that Jones is not a delegate, and claim that any man can be chosen for chairman.

It was also announced that a definite agreement had been reached to place Paul Vandervoort of Nebraska in nomination for president in opposition to Bryan. Vandervoort has consented to run before the convention and says he will give them all the fight he has in him. The "middle-of-the-road" men are not well organized and have no definite idea as to their strength either on the temporary chairmanship or on the nomination of candidates.

### ABOUT THE PLATFORM.

No Far Little Attention Has Been Given to This Matter.

St. Louis, July 22.—While there are many platforms floating about, there appears to be comparatively little crystallization of ideas. The subject has received nothing like the attention that was given to the same matter prior to the Republican and Democratic conventions. There have been no conferences of men selected by men by common consent to prepare the declaration of party principles, and it is apparent that the matter will be left in abeyance until the committee on resolutions shall be called upon to act.

It is generally conceded, however, that the Omaha platform will be closely followed, and that the money, transportation and bond questions will receive their effect attention. The convention will demand that the government shall control the railroads; that silver shall be coined free and in quantities limited by the supply; that the government shall issue a sufficient supply of paper money to meet the demands of business and that national banks shall be abolished. It is believed that the silver money scheme will be dropped.

### BUTLER FOR CHAIRMAN.

The Committee Names Him For Temporary Presiding Officer.

St. Louis, July 22.—The Populist national committee decided upon Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina for temporary chairman. The selection was effected without much apparent opposition, but there was an adverse element present which would have manifested itself if the committee had not been so evidently favorable to Butler.

His selection is accepted as a victory in the committee at least for those who are opposed to the nomination of both Bryan and Sewall. It was at first the plan of the Bryan men to put up Weaver for the position, but they changed at the last moment to General Fields of Virginia who was on the presidential ticket with General Weaver four years ago. They believed that the opposing faction would be divided between Butler and Mr. Hines of Georgia. Mr. Hines was, however, not placed in nomination, leaving the straight united upon Senator Butler. General Fields was placed in nomination, but when it became apparent that Hines was out of the race and when the committeemen from one state after another rose to second the Butler nomination, Hines' friends withdrew his name and allowed Butler to be nominated by acclamation.

Senator Butler was placed in nomination by W. A. Guthrie of North Carolina, who eulogized him as the son of a North Carolina farmer and spoke of him as a patriot and philanthropist. He said that Senator Butler was the youngest man who had ever occupied a seat in the senate since the days of Clay and that he has won and worn his laurels there most worthily.

Numerous seconding speeches were made and the nomination was made by acclamation amid a volley of applause. J. W. Hayes of the Knights of Labor and W. D. Vincent were chosen temporary secretaries.

The Bryan advocates have announced their purpose of accepting the action of the national committee in the selection of Butler for temporary chairman.

The "middle-of-the-road" faction held a meeting at the Texas delegation and decided to oppose the selection of Senator Butler for temporary chairman. Several names were mentioned for the place, but no selection was made. J. C. Kearby of Texas is the most prominent among those spoken of to oppose Butler.

### DONNELLY WILL TAKE IT.

Is Willing to Accept the Presidential Nomination if Tendered Him.

St. Louis, July 22.—Ignatius Donnelly was asked if he was a candidate for the presidency. He replied that he was not, but that he would accept if the nomination was tendered him with the hope of promoting the interests of his party. Mr. Donnelly holds that the party should be maintained intact and that this cannot be done by the endorsement of Bryan and Sewall.

### THE SILVER CONVENTION.

Congressman Newlands of Nevada Is Chosen Temporary Chairman.

St. Louis, July 22.—The delegates to the national silver organization were slowly assembling at Music hall and there were very few visitors in the galleries when J. J. Mott, chairman of the national committee, called the convention to order. Prayer was offered after which Miss Lillie B. Pierce of this city read the declaration of independence. This caused an outburst of applause.

When the call for the convention was read Francis G. Newlands of Nevada was introduced by Chairman Mott as temporary chairman and the convention delegates gave him a vigorous reception.

Mr. Newlands made an enthusiastic speech in favor of silver. At times he arraigned the two old parties for their positions on silver and gold, but commended the Democrats for the step they had taken at the Chicago convention. In speaking on the free coinage of silver he said:

"We claim that the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 by this country is practicable; that it will restore the old relative value of silver and gold; release this country from dependence upon foreign gold; impair the competitive efficiency of the cheap labor of silver standard countries; restore the value of our agricultural products with which we pay our debts abroad and save this country from a manufacturing competition that will prove destructive."

Mr. Newlands was frequently interrupted during his speech from delegates, but as less than 100 persons occupied the galleries the applause from that quarter was feeble.

After the appointment of the various committees a recess was taken.

At a caucus of the Silver party delegates the following committee was appointed to confer with the Populists with a view to solidifying the forces: G. A. Baker, California; D. F. Keith, North Carolina; Judge Scott, California; W. N. Standish, North Dakota; General Turner, Massachusetts; S. E. Keith, North Carolina; O. A. Turner, Minnesota.

Thomas A. Jennings Dead.

Richland, Mo., July 22.—Thomas A. Jennings, one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state, and an honored and respected citizen, died at his farm five miles west of this city.

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